Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Ruth Karim was born on September 12, 1930, in Browns Valley, Minnesota, to Lauris and Esther Kempter; and,

Whereas, Ruth married Mansour Karim in December, 1959, and they were blessed with 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Ruth has been an active community member, graduating from Pierre High School, where she was a Girls' State National delegate. She went on to graduate from the University of South Dakota with Phi Beta Kappa honors; and,

Whereas, Ruth came back to her hometown to begin her teaching career. Later she resigned her teaching job in Pierre to follow Mansour to Brookings to pursue his master's degree. While in Brookings, Ruth taught English and composition courses to freshman; whose preparation was lacking; and,

Whereas, Ruth served as president of the Pierre School District Board of Education, and was nominated in 1974, for South Dakota Outstanding School Board Member. Always interested in journalism, Ruth was a free-lance writer, often writing for the Rapid City Journal. She is an active member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, including Catholic Daughters of America; and,

Whereas, Ruth Karim is co-founder of South Dakota Right to Life, recognizing that "Life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death." Ruth served on the local, state, and national Right to Life boards, including functioning as secretary of the National Right to Life board, and was awarded Humanitarian of the Year by South Dakota Right to Life. Respected by both Republicans and Democrats, Ruth served as a lobbyist and was appointed to the Status of Women Commission by Governor Janklow; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many noteworthy accomplishments of Ruth Karim, who has given to her community and this state through her lifelong dedication to others through her teaching and community service:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2011, as

RUTH KARIM DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State